## Kilgore Memorial Library Director's Report Prepared for the December 18, 2014 York City Council

- 1. Patrons in the library during the month of November enjoyed a simple contest. Guess how many candy corn pieces are in the jar and win the jar of candy and a book. There were nearly 200 entries with two who guessed the exact number of candies. Feedback on this event was very positive.
- 2. The annual Avenue of Trees hosted by the Friends of the Library was setup on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will remain up until December 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 15 entries this year. Patrons are invited to vote for the top three entries for a "People's Choice" award. There will also be a "Friends Choice" award. Patron's interested in winning a prize are invited to put their names on their ballots.
- 3. The Elmer Baker display case is filled with a nativity scene from Nancy Beach and the Kent Bedient Hall Gallery is filled with artwork from Mr. Brian Eden's students at York Elementary School.
- 4. The Friends of the Library sold quarts of frozen soup during the Holiday Gift Fair at the Auditorium on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 quarts of soup were donated and sold by noon!
- 5. The last story time for preschoolers was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There have been at least 25 children at each session this fall plus their caregivers.
- 6. There will be a movie day for families, with free popcorn, on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00.
- 7. From December 9 through 23 children under age 12 are invited to enter a contest to win a holiday themed book. Each entry has a line from a famous Christmas Story with one word missing. Participants need to fill in the blank to enter the contest. Each Tuesday and Thursday a name is drawn from all the correct entries.
- 8. York is host the site for the monthly "Conversations Among Small Town Librarians CASTL" meetings hosted by the Southeast Library System office. Regional librarians will meet at Kilgore Memorial Library from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. The topic of this meeting will be Makerspaces in libraries.
- 9. As of January 1, 2015, Kilgore Memorial Library will join the Central Nebraska Digital Consortium to deliver two electronic resources: Zinio for Libraries and OneClickdigital. Our library has subscribed to OneClickdigital for a few years and by joining this consortium patrons of Kilgore Memorial Library will now also have unlimited simultaneous access to popular digital magazines. Zinio for Libraries features complete, full-color, page-for-page magazines with intuitive navigation, key-word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video. These periodicals can be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library.
- 10. Kilgore Memorial Library in York has added Driving Tests.org to its online resources. This resource, developed by several national partnerships including the Governors Highway Safety Association and the National Safety Council, provides online practice driver's education tests. The link provided to our library is specific to our state and is branded with KML's name. Libraries are invited to apply for the pro-bono program for non-profits until 12:00 PM EST on January 15, 2015. Once accepted, all fees will be waived for the duration of our participation. See <a href="http://libraries.ne.gov/york/e-resources/#training">http://libraries.ne.gov/york/e-resources/#training</a> to learn more.

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